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1. IN COVERSATION APRIL 29 WITH SECRETARY OF STATE FOR BUDGET ABDOULAYE KONE, WHO WILL BE NO. 2 ON IVORIAN DELEGATION TO AFDB ANNUAL MEETING IN DAKAR NEXT WEEK, HE GAVE ME IVORIAN VIEWS ON THE NEW PRESIDENCY OF THE AFDB.
 2. OF THE SIX CANDIDATES, HE GIVES NO CHANCE TO THE ONE FROM BURUNDI, "A SMALL MIRACLE" WOULD GIVE THE PRESIDENCY TO THE MOROCCAN OR THE MALIAN, AND THE NIGERIAN CANDIDATE REPRESENTS TOO BIG A COUNTRY TO HAVE THE PRESIDENCY. THIS LEAVES THE GHANAIAN, KOUAME FORDJWOR, DEPUTY MINISTER OF FINANCE; AND THE LIBYAN, SALEM MOHAMED OMEISH, CURRENTLY A VICE PRESIDENT OF THE AFDB.
 3. KONE WAS FAIRLY NONCOMMITTAL AS BETWEEN THE LAST TWO, BUT THERE WAS AT LEAST AN IMPLICATION THAT IVORY COAST WOULD SUPPORT A FELLOW BLACK AFRICAN AFTER TWO NORTH AFRICAN PRESIDENTS.
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